MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) It is reported that intending passengers generally wait for motor buses in garages, shops etc., and the Government consider that the provision of waiting sheds wherever the need of them is felt is more the concern of Municipalities and the proprietors of motor buses rather than that of the Government.

Registry of Land under the Land Colonisation Scheme.

144. **MR. C. P. THOMAS** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the Land Colonisation Scheme was passed by them;

(*b*) how many acres in each locality have been declared available for land colonisation up to this (13-7-1927);

(*c*) how many applications have been received up to the above date for the grant of land for such colonies; and

(*d*) if the applications have been none or few, are the Government aware of any reason for that?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Land Colonisation Scheme was passed by the Government on the 13th November 1924.

(*b*) No land has yet been declared available for land colonisation by the Committees appointed for the purpose as the Committees did not function properly. The reconstitution of the Committees is now engaging the attention of the Government.

(*c*) 6 applications—4 in the Pattanapuram taluk and 2 in the Todupuzha taluk.

(*d*) The small number of applications may be due to the non-publication of the list of lands available for assignment under the Scheme. There may be defects in the rules also. Their revision is also engaging the Government's attention.

Conference of Judges and Munsiffs.

145. **MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the High Court Judges, District Judges and Additional District Judges and Munsiffs have held any departmental conference regarding the disposal of work in the several courts of the State?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether the Government proposes to hold a conference like the one as suggested in my question so that it may be useful for the disposal of arrears in courts?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It is a matter of opinion.

Police Officers convicted or remarked against by Law Courts.

146. **MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement showing:

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(*a*) the number of police officers convicted by courts of justice and now retained in the department;

(*b*) the number of police officers whose conduct was criticised by courts of justice; and

(*c*) the number of such officers who were given promotions or punishments by the department?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (*b*) and (*c*) Government regret that the statement cannot be prepared as it involves an examination of the judgments in all criminal cases for the last 35 years which it is not possible for them to undertake.

MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether there are such officers in the Department?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That information is not available.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I rise to a point of order. Two members are in possession of the House.

Rule re Filing of Affidavits.

147. **MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the rule regarding the filing of affidavits along with all interlocutory applications in civil courts is causing very great hardship to the public;

(*b*) whether the levy of any fee for swearing of affidavits is authorised; and

(*c*) whether some persons who are authorised to swear affidavits are levying fees for the same?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The answers are in the negative.

(*c*) Government have no information.

MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): With reference to the answer to part (c) may I know whether the Government made any enquiry as to whether persons who are authorised to swear affidavits are levying fees for the same?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): Do they propose to make an enquiry?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I cannot say.

Cost of certain Surgical Instruments purchased in the General Hospital.

148. **MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of money spent in getting down instruments when Dr. K. P. Raman Pillai was appointed in the Trivandrum General Hospital; and

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